

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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## News

### Museums of the State of Delaware to shift to winter schedules

Wednesday visitation to be added, tours expanded to 45 minutes.

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Mansion house at the John Dickinson Plantation

### Division to sponsor three live virtual-programs during November 2020

Programs to explore mysteries of history, Abraham Lincoln's election as president and London in wartime.

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### New Castle Court House Museum's "Uniquely New Castle" photo contest

Photo submission ends Oct. 31. Voting open Nov. 1 to 7, 2020.

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### Museums for All webinar on Nov. 19, 2020

Initiative dedicated to expanding community access to museums across the nation.

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### Division mourns the loss of former employee Alan Roth

Roth worked as an historic-site interpreter at the Zwaanendael Museum and as an all-around handyman for the CARE Team.

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# Help Save Delaware History

## Alex Till to join division staff as an architectural historian

New employee will assist the agency in identifying, evaluating, registering and treating historic buildings/structures.

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## Dover's Scull Mansion in crosshairs of history, progress

Delaware State News, Dover—Oct. 27, 2020

National-Register-listed property threatened with demolition.

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## Marking history in Hockessin

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del. — Oct. 2, 2020

Cox-Phillips-Mitchell Agricultural Complex was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

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## "Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future — Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022"

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware's heritage for the future.

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# Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

### [Johnson Victrola Museum's offers throwback Halloween program online](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.— Oct. 22, 2020

Article on the "Mischievous Managed: Throwing a Hotsy-Totsy Halloween Bash" program

### [Commentary: Submerged archaeological sites need to be protected](#)

Delaware State News, Dover — Oct. 11, 2020

Op-ed by division archaeologist Stephanie Soder

### [Video explores genetics of 17th century homestead inhabitants](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del. — Oct. 3, 2020

Eight white and three Black people lived at Avery's Rest near the shore of Rehoboth Bay.

# Events

## Friday, Oct. 30

[Mischievous Managed: Throwing a Hotsy-Totsy Halloween Bash](#) – Virtual program from the Johnson Victrola Museum

## Wednesday, Nov. 4

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

## Saturday, Nov. 7

[Mysteries of History](#) – Virtual program from downtown Lewes

## Saturday, Nov. 14

[We Didn't Vote for Him: Delaware and the Election of 1860](#) – Virtual program from The Old State House

[London in Wartime](#) – Virtual program from the New Castle Court House Museum

[The Battles of Germantown: One Neighborhood's Struggles to Keep Its Past Alive](#) – Virtual program from Hale-Byrnes House

**Sunday, Nov. 15**

[Wilmington's Mitchell Center for African American Heritage](#) – Virtual program from Hale-Byrnes House

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

[Running of the Mills](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

## Exhibits and Displays

The five museums of the State of Delaware are currently presenting the following exhibits and displays. In keeping with Gov. Carney's [Phase II guidance](#) for reopening the state in wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the museums are open for self-guided tours [via reservation only](#).

### Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

For additional opportunities to explore Delaware history online, go to the [Delaware Digital History Museum](#).



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